

The water-power is very large, and has been in many instances improved by large flour-mills and various other manufacturing establishments for the production of numerous domestic articles; more of it remains still undeveloped and fit for future profitable improvement.

It is well wooded, affords large supplies of granite, marble, and limestone for building purposes, good brick clay, besides good mines of copper and large quantities of the best of iron ore of various kinds. There are large quarries of the best variety of soapstone in this county in close proximity to the B. & O. Railroad—near Marriottsville.

Nickel and cobalt has also been found in this county to some extent, and may yet repay all trouble and expense involved in future search for it.

I have lately examined for a private gentleman some of the finest and best Hematitic iron ore found in the United States, and also some excellent specimens of per oxide of manganese.

It has also abundance of limestones for agricultural improvement very accessible to all parts of the county, which already has been much used and has greatly aided the soil improvement of the county. The county has all the conceded healthiness and excellence of the Alleghany range, is rapidly increasing in population, wealth and enterprise, and is careful yet energetic in adopting all the means for social and material improvement.

Its advantages of transportation are first, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad on its southern border and the Western Maryland Railroad, which from the Northern Central Railroad, passes nearly through the central parts of the county, in its whole extent. It has also several good turnpikes, which afford its citizens convenient access to the Baltimore markets.

The price of the lands in Carroll county vary greatly, being influenced by their degree of improvement, locality, and other collateral circumstances. The prices varies from ten or fifteen dollars for the worse to one hundred and fifty dollars for the best farming lands, and are good bargains at the rates which they bring in the market. Their proximity to market, convenience of transportation, climate and social advantages make them very desirable either for residences or safe investment.

FREDERICK COUNTY.

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